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1. Immediately following the outbreak of the war in Korea, the Communists in Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) created an atmosphere of war and tension. On the one hand they announced that men would be sent in large numbers to the North to take part in the war in Korea, and on the other hand they declared that crack troops would be sent to the South to bolster the defense of the coastal area and to make preparations for the liberation of Macao and Hong Kong. [redacted] troop movements in the Tungkuan area, especially in the estuary of the Pearl River, were frequent. Most of these troop movements, however, were connected only with changing of garrison duties, or regrouping. The number of troops in Tungkuan remained practically unchanged [redacted]
2. During the last few months, through the efforts of Soviet advisers, military establishments in the Tungkuan area have been considerably strengthened. [redacted] Bocca Tigris (Humen 113-, 22-) is one of the most important bases on the Pearl River estuary.
3. Apart from its strong fortifications, Bocca Tigris serves as a supply base for the Chinese Communist Navy, Army, and Air Force. Along the coastal area a road has been built connecting the area with the Canton-Shench'uan road. In the inner harbor of Bocca Tigris is deep water, and the harbor is surrounded by hills and river branches. The harbor offers good anchorage for medium and small craft. Naval supply stations and ammunition dumps have been established at Hongtan (Hsingt'an, 113-10, 22-46) and Shakok (Shak'ou, 113-32, 24-26).
4. Twenty-eight long-range guns controlled by radar have been installed. These guns have a range of twelve miles. Eighteen anti-aircraft gun batteries have also been installed. In addition there are eight torpedo launching stations and four wireless stations.
5. An air supply base is to be established at Paisha (白沙) airfield near Bocca Tigris and close to Hong Kong. Repairs to this field are being rushed.
6. Preparations for invasion in the Bocca Tigris area covers a large part of the country. There is good cover for 20,000-30,000 men. Hilltops and villages between Bocca Tigris and Waichow (Huiyang, 114-26, 23-05) would provide good

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maneuvering ground for 200,000 troops. About 30 supply stations have been established on the routes between Bocca Tigris and Maichow, all of which are heavily guarded.

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